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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS ON ENERGY SITUATION - FRG
CONSUMPTION RESTRICTION MEASURES

1. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 16 CHANCELLOR BRANDT
EMPHASIZED THE IMPACT THAT A CONTINUED OIL SHORTAGE WOULD HAVE
ON THE ENTIRE GERMAN ECONOMY. HE SAID IT WAS NOT SIMPLY A
GASOLINE PROBLEM BUT ONE FOR THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE AND THAT THE
SECURITY OF THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USES WOULD RECEIVE
PRIORITY FROM THE FRG.

BRANDT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE FRG WOULD BE ABLE TO WEATHER
THE CURRENT ENERGY CRISIS WITHOUT SERIOUS DAMAGE BUT HE ADDED
THAT IF THIS WERE NOT THE CASE THE IMPACT WOULD BE FELT IN MANY
AREAS.

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2. HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S STABILIZATION POLICY WOULD RECEIVE A NEW IMPETUS BECAUSE OF THE PETROLEUM SHORTAGE AND HE NOTED THAT THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON GENERAL ECONOMIC POLICY WOULD BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK AND THE CABINET WOULD EXAMINE IT IN DETAIL TO SEE THE IMPACT OF THE ENERGY SHORTAGE ON MACROECONOMIC POLICY. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BRANDT SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO REWORK THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL ENERGY POLICY AND IN SO DOING THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO PRESS FASTER ON EXPANDING ENERGY SOURCES OTHER THAN OIL. BRANDT STRESSED THE FACT THAT THE FRG WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON OIL AS A MAJOR SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

3. BRANDT NOTED THAT THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR GREATER EC COOPERATION ON ENERGY MATTERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO CONSIDERATIONS FOR EUROPE IN THE CURRENT MIDEAST SITUATION -- EUROPEAN EFFORTS TOWARD A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF MIDEAST POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO SUCCEED IN REMOVING THE ARAB "OIL PRESSURE".

4. SINCE THE SUPPLY SITUATION HAD NOW CLARIFIED, THE CHANCELLOR SAID, THE FRG COULD NOW BETTER SEE WHAT CONSUMPTION RESTRICTION MEASURES WERE REQUIRED. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE FRG WOULD PUBLISH ON MONDAY AN ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD RESTRICT THE USE OF GASOLINE WITHIN THE FRG. BRANDT, ALTHOUGH PRESSED, REFUSED TO PROVIDE DETAILS ALTHOUGH HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT HAS IN MIND, A PROHIBITION ON SUNDAY DRIVING STARTING NOVEMBER 25. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONS BRANDT STATED THAT THE DRIVING PROHIBITIONS WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD NOT APPLY TO ALL SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER. HE SAID THAT THE RATIONING OF GASOLINE APPEARED UNLIKELY. THE ENERGY CRISIS, BRANDT CONTINUED, WOULD HAVE SOME EFFECT ON AIR TRAVEL. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. PLANNED TO CUT DOMESTIC FLIGHTS BY 40 PERCENT AND IMPLIED THAT FOREIGN AIRLINES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO PURCHASE GASOLINE IN GERMANY TO THE EXTENT THAT GERMAN AIRLINES ARE GRANTED RECIPROCAL TREATMENT IN THE FOREIGN HOST COUNTRY.
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